

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 914

March 22, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new Class A misdemeanor for an attorney to:

- commit deceit or collusion, or consent to any deceit or collusion with the intent to deceive the court or any party; or
- willfully delay his client's suit with a view to his own gain or willfully receives any money or allowance for or on account of any money which the attorney has not laid out or becomes answerable for.

In addition to the punishment prescribed by Title 40 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, the attorney forfeits to the party injured treble damages, recoverable in a civil action.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- There will not be a sufficient number of misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- A small increase in the cases in the court system will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes, and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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